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Turner now will receive \$80,890 a year in compensation — \$57,500 as CIA director and \$23,390 in military retirement pay.

Turner retired the day before the new law went into effect which places a combined dual military-civilian government compensation ceiling of \$47,500 a year on such retirees.

All those retiring from the military in the future and taking a federal civilian job will be limited to a \$47,500 a year dual income. The dual compensation for future military retirees who become members of Congress is set at \$57,500.

The NTU said Turner's 41 percent raise in compensation, however legal, "illustrates the abusive spending aspects of the dual compensation act of 1964. At the same time it presents itself as a violation of the President's 7 percent wage-price guidelines — by the government itself."

Sid Taylor, NTU's research director, called on all top government officials, including members of Congress who are eligible for dual compensation, to "voluntarily abstain from accepting dual compensation while they are in public office." He noted that some members of Congress are already doing this and their pension monies are being returned to the U.S. Treasury.